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Observations were made in Plauen (M 51/K 12):

1. Alte Infanterie Kaserne:

Partially occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

Eight to ten 75 or 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in several parts of the barracks area. One of the guns had no muzzle brake.

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2. Hindenburg Kaserne:

Still occupied by about 900 troops, most of them recruits wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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Truck surmounted by a heavy machine gun on tripod and coupled to an AT gun, was seen in the barracks yard. The truck, carrying 10 men, later left the barracks area.

Troops were observed training with four mortars of 80 to 120 mm caliber.

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Two SU-76-SP guns were seen leaving the barracks on 17 March 1950. They were followed by truck occupied by 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Each SP gun was equipped with a radio set, the antenna being mounted at the right rear. The drivers seemed to be poorly trained, as they crossed the sidewalks when rounding street corners.

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3. Artillerie Kaserne:

Still occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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Trucks [] and jeep [] were seen.

4. The Soviet military post bakery was located on Mettestrasse, corner of Weundorfer Strasse. Weundorfer Strasse was blocked at that place by a barrier, guarded by a sentry with blackbordered crimson epaulets.

5. The vacated kommandatura building was still guarded. The two adjacent houses had also been vacated. Troops who had been quartered there **had moved to the former NCO billets on Rosa Luxemburg Platz**, opposite the gate of the Infanterie Kaserne. Passenger car [] belonging to the former military post commander, was seen.

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Several rooms in the town hall were prepared for a Soviet office, allegedly a field office of a Zwickau Soviet headquarters.

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Comment:

According to previous reports and statement by deserters, the following component units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are stationed in Plauen:

- a. 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Artillery components of the regiment in the Artillerie Kaserne.
- b. 87th Gun Arty Regt in the Alte Infanterie Kaserne (also called Aoenig Georg Kaserne) and in the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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